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No sign of break in US debt stalemate

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States lurched yesterday toward a potentially ruinous default or painful downgrade of its debt rating, with polarized politicians waging a see-saw battle with a deadline six days away.

Worried global markets feared the stalemate's possibly disastrous effects on the world economy, with US stocks dropping for the fourth straight trading session while investors

seeking safe haven briefly sent gold to a new record.

The Democratic-led Senate and Republican-held House of Representatives warred over rival plans that both tied spending cuts to an increase of the \$14.3 trillion debt limit but seemed no nearer to bridging a yawning partisan gap.

"If we don't clear this chasm, our nation's economy will go over the edge with us," said Democratic Senate Major-

ity Leader Harry Reid, warning that "the world economy simply cannot bear this kind of uncertainty any longer."

The US Treasury has warned the world's richest country will run out of cash to pay its bills come August 2, sending shockwaves through the fragile economy, though some analysts saw a days-long reprieve thanks to a rise in tax receipts

Job Fair to be held for Aruban professionals in Holland



ORANJESTAD -- A law regarding a 30% reduction in student loan debts was presented to Parliament last Monday by the Prime Minister. This proposed 30% reduction in what Aruban students owe for their advanced education in the Netherlands, obviously comes with certain conditions. Among the conditions to qualify for the 30% reduction: the Aruban student must return to Aruba within 3 years of the completion of his/her studies. Secondly, the student must have completed his/her studies within the allotted time. The law covering this matter is set to be retroactive to 2009. The reason for going back to 2009 is because the government claims that the announcement to the effect that such a law would be presented was made back in 2009 when they assumed the reigns as new government.

According to the Prime Minister, this 30% reduction has to be made into law simply because no Minister can make the decision to enact such a ruling without the authorization of Parliament since said reduction is actually a remission or financial right off.

The Prime Minister went on to say that, in order for us to ensure that our young professionals return to Aruba, we must have work for them. It is in this context that a job fair will be organized in Holland in the month of December, where young Aruban professionals can see what is available and solicit. The government will capitalize on this occasion to encourage our young people to return through this very favorable reduction arrangement once the law has been passed. More information regarding the Dutch job fair will be forthcoming as the plans develop.

Apostle Philip's tomb 'found in Turkey'

ANKARA, Turkey (AFP) - Archaeologists believe they have discovered the tomb of Saint Philip, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ, in western Turkey, Anatolia news agency said yesterday, quoting the team leader.

"We have been looking for Saint Philip's tomb for years," Italian Francesco d'Andria told

the agency. "We finally found it in the ruins of a church which we excavated a month ago."

The church is located at Pamukkale, known as Hierapolis in ancient times, where Philip was said to have been martyred after preaching across Asia Minor.

D'Andria said the tomb had not been opened.

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WFP begins food airlifts to hunger-stricken Somalia



MOGADISHU (AFP)- The World Food Programme on Wednesday airlifted 10 tonnes of emergency supplies to the Somali capital Mogadishu to feed thousands of malnourished children due to a severe drought.

The delivery from the Kenyan capital was the first in a series of airlifts aiming to supply 100 tonnes to feed 35,000 children every month, a spokesman said.

Tens of thousands of Somalis have fled to war-torn Mogadishu from elsewhere in the country in search of food.

Somalia is the country worst affected by a prolonged drought in east Africa that has put some 12 million people at risk of starvation across the region.

Nearly half of Somalia's estimated 10 million population are in need of relief assistance, owing to the effects of relentless violence and the drought that prompted the UN to declare famine for the first time this century.

Relief agencies are struggling to deliver aid to Somalia, which is mostly under the control of Al Qaeda-inspired Shebab insurgents who have banned several foreign aid groups from regions under their control.

Deadline expires for Kadhafi to 'step down, stay in Libya'

BENGHAZI (AFP) - A deadline for Libyan strongman Moamer Kadhafi to step down and stay in the country has expired, the chief of the rebel National Transitional Council said Wednesday, as the warring parties spar over ways to end the conflict.

Meanwhile, Britain gave a major boost to the rebels by inviting them to take over the Libyan embassy in London, which the Kadhafi regime slammed, while Washington said it was examining a request by the rebels to recognise the insurgents.

A defiant Kadhafi meanwhile said he was ready to "pay with our lives" to defeat the rebels and the NATO alliance, which he accused of helping him make progress on the ground, namely in the Nafusa western mountains.

NTC chief Mustafa Mohamed Abdel Jalil said the rebels had delivered to UN special envoy Abdul Ilah al-

Khatib "a very specific, well-intentioned offer that Kadhafi can stay in Libya under three conditions."

Under the offer, Kadhafi would have had to step aside and relinquish all responsibilities, his place of residence would be the "choice of the Libyan people" and he would be under "close supervision," Abdel Jalil said.

Loyalists troops and rebels have fought their way into a stalemate five months after the start of a popular uprising that quickly turned into a civil war.

The Libyan leader is in control of much of the west and his Tripoli stronghold, while the opposition holds the east from their bastion in Benghazi.

The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo said in a statement in the Hague that Libya and any future government of the country has the "obligation" to arrest Kadhafi.

India, Pakistan ministers hail 'new era' in ties

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India and Pakistan's foreign ministers insisted relations were back on track Wednesday after peace talks that highlighted a "new era" of cooperation over the ruptures of the past.

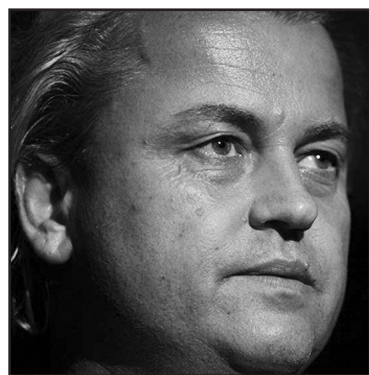
Although their meeting in New Delhi produced little in the way of substantive agreements, the tone was one of forward-looking optimism that acknowledged a joint responsibility to bring stability to South Asia.

It was the first meeting of the arch-rivals' foreign ministers for a year, and followed the formal resumption in February of the comprehensive peace dialogue suspended by India after the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

After the talks, Indian Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna said ties were back "on the right track," while his Pakistani counterpart Hina Rabhani Khar spoke of a "mindset change" that had ushered in a "new era of cooperation".

India and Pakistan are jockeying for influence in Afghanistan ahead of the planned US troop withdrawal and Washington sees stable ties between the nuclear-armed neighbours as crucial to Afghanistan's post-war viability.

Dutch probe Norwegian gunman email list for possible links



file-photo; Geert Wilders

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch prosecutors are probing a list of email addresses to see if anybody in the Netherlands got a copy of a manifesto by Norwegian self-confessed killer Anders Behring Breivik, a judicial official said Wednesday.

"We don't know whether he has had any contact, but we are definitely looking into it," Rotterdam public prosecutions office spokesman Wim de Bruin told AFP.

"I cannot say how long it will take and at the moment I cannot confirm that there are any Dutch email addresses on the list," he added.

The 32-year-old Behring Breivik wrote and published a 1,500-page manifesto before starting his bombing and shooting spree that killed 76 in Oslo and on a nearby island last week.

Dutch media, quoted by local news agency ANP, said Wednesday there were some 1,002 addresses on the list, one of which showed a visible Dutch link.

The Netherlands' own far-right leader Geert Wilders, recently acquitted on charges of hate speech and discrimination for statements attacking Islam, on Tuesday slammed the attacks as the work of "a lonely, ill-adjusted idiot who abused the peace-loving ideals of the anti-Islamist movement."

Wilders said he was "repulsed" by the fact that Behring Breivik referred to him and the PVV in his manifesto.

"The PVV has never issued a call to violence and will never do so," Wilders said. "We believe in the power of the ballot and the wisdom of the voter. Not bombs and pistols," he added.

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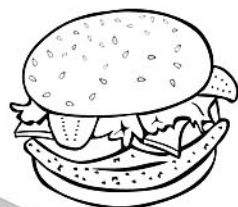
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How to deal with homesickness (Heimwee)!

Many of our young Arubans are heading off to the Netherlands, or to the United States, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, or to other destinations to pursue university training this very weekend. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 350 young people will be boarding flights to leave home for an extended stay abroad. Some of them will be traveling for the very first time. Many will be going to Holland for the very first time. Most of them will be leaving their family circles for the very first time. You can just imagine what this could mean for these young people.

There is most certainly quite some fear, strong mixed emotions and a bundle of uncertainty about leaving. The well-known phenomena of homesickness for some, perhaps for most of them, will kick in the moment the plane taxis unto the runway. And, homesickness will become more intense when they arrive and must disembark unto a country unknown to them without Mom or Dad there to support and guide them!

You know, homesickness, is universal. We psychologists call it "separation anxiety" and only a very few people are immune. In Aruba we call it Heimwee! It is experienced by the kindergarten going off to school, as well as the business person

starting a new job. If not dealt with properly and timely, it can be devastating. In my years of experience with young people, I have seen many young people suffer under the pressure of Heimwee. I have seen some turn their backs on a promising educational career because of homesickness. Allow me to offer you a few tips to help you through your homesickness now or in the future:

1. Begin by admitting that you are homesick. Recognize it for what it is and don't call it any other name. No, you are not just tired, no you are not frustrated, no you are not unsettled, no you are not adjusting too slowly...you are homesick! Admit that you are homesick. Much of what you know and can rely on is back home where your Mom, Dad and siblings are. Homesickness is a natural response to this sense of loss. Hence, no need to bash yourself for being homesick.

2. Become verbal about it...talk about it to someone you can trust who has gone away from home before you. It will comfort you to know that your experience is not unique but that others have felt just like you do now. It takes courage and strength to accept the fact that something is bothering you and to confront it. And, talking about it to some-

how who "has been there" will provide great relief for the time being.

3. Bring something familiar from home with you to your new location...your pet stuffed animal, photos, a special "keepsake that your Mom or sis or brother gave you on a birthday. This will help to give you a sense of continuity and it will ease the shock of entering a brand new environment.

4. Bounce around your new surroundings. Yes, you read right, go bouncing around and see the place from corner to corner. If you don't want to bounce, then just walk around. It will give you a great sense of feeling in control if you know where buildings, classes, and services are.

5. Beckon other new people to join you in your exploration of the new premises. Get others to bounce around with you, make it a fun discovery. If they too think it ridiculous to bounce, then just walk. But you will quickly discover that making friends is a giant step in alleviating homesickness!

6. Book a specific date to go home and make the arrangements right away. This will curtail any impulsive returns or urges to go back before your booked date. It will keep you focused in your goals in staying where you are for the purpose for which you came despite

your feelings.

7. Be yourself at all times and in everything. Examine your expectations. We all like to be popular, well-dressed, well-organized, well-adjusted. But often we are not all of these. Setting a goal of perfection is the most predictable way of creating trouble for yourself. If you want to stay homesick, then be somebody else, be perfect...of course you don't want to do that. Well, laugh at your mistakes, learn from your mistakes, be who you are all the time, enjoy YOU. There is great freedom and a deep sense of peace from just being who you are and not pretending something or someone you are not!

8. Be on the look out for new opportunities. As scary as it is to see all those people, all those classes, all those buildings, all those choices, they will provide opportunities to meet people who like what you like. Take classes that you're interested in and get involved in your favorite activity, or try new ones. Find out where the sororities are, where the student groups are and how to join one of them (never more than one...in time you will understand why it wasn't necessary to join more than one). Go to the office and introduce yourself to one or two of your teachers...it will do wonders when classes start...the teacher

knows who you are and you know him/her.

9. Bolster yourself! Don't sit around waiting for someone to come along and nurse your homesickness. Don't grab your Blackberry and beg Mama to comfort you, don't ask your little sister to talk nice to you on the phone so you feel better. No...Do something. Don't wait for your homesickness to go away by itself. Mind you, it eventually will. But you don't want to bury your feelings either. Remember point 2? Buried problems often emerge later disguised as headaches, fatigue, illness, or lack of motivation. You must bolster yourself, get out of your room and go somewhere constructive, do something constructive, talk to people, get involved in what's going on around you providing it is sane and good. And...before you know it, you will be asking yourself...where did those homesick feelings go?

You may have noticed that the nine tips all begin with the letter B, now you can remember them a lot better and you know that B stands for Be proactive...and... Everything you set out to become...no matter what!

If this article was helpful, write to me and let me know, thanks. Write to: tony.green@themorningnews.com.



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According to Mr. Choma he fell in love with the island when he first arrived here 30 years

ago. Since then he made acquaintance with many locals.

During a small ceremony at the Holiday Inn Resort, ATA rep, Mr. Ernest Giel, in presence of resort's staff, presented Mr. Choma with a handsome plaque as a token of appreciation for his love and loyalty to Aruba.

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Aruba Toastmasters Club installs new board



In an atmosphere of enthusiasm and happiness a new board of Aruba Toastmasters Club was installed, last Friday July 22nd in the "Sala Madonna" at IPA San Nicolas. Immediate past president, miss Nancy Lemmers, who worked very hard to breath live into the club which was inactive for many years, transferred her board job to the new elected president Miss Olivia Groeneveldt.

Miss Groeneveldt stated that she will proceed, together with the new members of the board; Veronica Paul (Vice-President Education), Angeline Tromp-Zievinger (Vice-President Membership), Francis Bulters (Vice-President Public Relations), Shirley Pope (Secretary), Anthony Thiel (Treasurer)

Joseph Kock (Sergeant-at-Arms), to continue the hard work of Miss Lemmers and to make The Aruba Toastmasters Club (ATC) an active and enthusiastic club that will con.

Aruba Toastmasters Club is affiliated to Toastmasters International, an educational club, which teaches its members the art of speaking, listening and thinking. This can help the members in their personal and professional growth.

ATC teaches in a way that way members can enhance their communication and leadership skills. Toastmasters International has more then 22.000 Clubs all over the world. The Aruba Toastmasters Club has currently 32 members and a second club is in

formation.

The current members are getting a lot of benefits out of the educational programs. Feedback from the members is that they noticed improvement in their self confidence, they feel more energized and active and they learned to be better communicators and organizers in their daily and professional live.

Everyone can join the Aruba Toastmasters Club regardless social -, cultural -, or professional background. The new board has set for them self the goal to establish more clubs this year.

For more information you can contact us at our email address arubatoastmasters@gmail.com

Venezuela airlines reps inspecting Aruba's tourist attractions



Recently Aruba Tourism Authority hosted a group of travelagents from Caracas Venezuela, who came to our island to do some site inspections at several Hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. The group consisted of Venezolana Airlines representative Mr. Pedro Perez, representatives of International viajes y Turismo, Turaser and OPYS Tours, and they were accompanied by Miss Dayanara Chinome from ATA Caracas and Mr. Ernest Giel from ATA sg Aruba. The agents were very impressed with our Hotels, restaurant's fine cuisine and our natural tourist attractions. One very important inspection was at our convention centers which was the highlight of this famtrip, Needless to say that famtrips like this are of great benefit to our island.

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Dutch police vying for job on sunny Caribbean island

- Dutch police officers are falling over themselves to apply for a job on the sunny Caribbean island of St Maarten. Many hundreds of policemen and women have applied for 20 vacancies on the island open to personnel from the Netherlands.

Only around 50 applications were expected. Unable to cope with the flood of candidates, the police have decided to restrict screening to the first 500 applicants.

The vacancies have arisen due to a recent change in the status of St Maarten. The part of the island that used to belong to the Netherlands Antilles recently opted to become independent member states of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. As a result, the police force will be scaled up from 189 to 389 by 2017. Most of the additional police officers will be recruited locally.

Maintaining law and order in a Caribbean island paradise may sound like a walk in the park, but the successful candidates may get more than they bargained for. One policeman heading for St Martin said "the number of murders and armed robberies a month is high for a population of 30,000".

5KM walk in San Nicolas conducted by IDEFRE



SAN NICOLAS- Aruba's department of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation, IDEFRE, together with 'El Gallo Rojo' is organizing a 5KM walk in San Nicolas, doe

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Caya Captain D. Rogers, Lagoweg, Bernhardstraat, Dr. Scheapmanstraat, Pastoor Hendrikstraat, Avicenastraat to finish back at 'El Gallo Rojo.' Inscription fee is Afls. 5



per person; registration is at 'El Gallo Rojo' during opening hours and on Sunday afternoon prior to the walk. There will be a number of attractive prizes to raffle among participants after the walk.

For more information, readers may contact the event coordinator, Nelson Held, at

IDEFRE, tel. 582-4987 from Monday to Friday during office hours, or Cecilia Menezes at 'El Gallo Rojo' tel.584-8212.

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Alaska scientists make squirrels hibernate

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists in Alaska said Tuesday they have figured out how to make squirrels hibernate, a process that could be used to preserve brain function in humans who suffer strokes or heart attacks.

But the technique only worked in squirrels who were awakened by researchers during their hibernation season, not outside normal hibernation times, said the study in The Journal of Neuroscience.

Researchers at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, studied arctic ground squirrels, giving them a caffeine-like substance to awaken them from hibernation.

Another substance was given to them at various times of the year to see if it could stimulate parts of the brain that encourage a molecule called adenosine to attach itself to the receptors, causing sleepiness.

Adenosine slows nerve cell activity. Animals in hibernation experience very low body temperatures and take in little oxygen, but they suffer no brain damage.

If scientists could master



this process in humans, they could potentially prevent damage caused by severe trauma, when people stop breathing or suffer sudden heart attack or stroke.

But those days are still a long way off.

The researchers found that they could induce torpor, or the state in which oxygen consumption falls to one percent of resting metabolic rate and core body temperature approaches freezing, consistently only in squirrels who were awoken from hibernation in the midst of their sleeping season.

Essentially, they could wake up a hibernating squirrel and then get it to go back

to sleep.

However, when they tried to induce hibernation outside of the regular season, it worked in just two of six squirrels during the early hibernation season, but not in any during the summer when squirrels do not hibernate.

"We show for the first time that activation of the adenosine receptors is sufficient to induce torpor in arctic ground squirrels during their hibernation season," said Tulasi Jinka lead author of the study.

The researchers are unsure what causes the brain to become sensitive enough to adenosine that it can enter a state of hibernation when the season is right.

Their next step is to test the process in rats, whose systems are more similar to humans.

"Understanding the neuro-protective qualities of hibernating animals may lead to development of a drug or therapy to save people's lives after a stroke or heart attack," said Kelly Drew, senior author and professor in the UAF's Institute of Arctic Biology.

Now you can have your very own "Mini-Me"



While China has been busy cloning Apple stores, a business in Japan has started offering clones of a different type. Called simply Clone Factory, this company specializes in making your egotistical dreams come true by creating your very own plastic mini-me, with incredible attention to detail.

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Mexican papayas sicken many in US



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Mexican papayas tainted with salmonella have sickened many people in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday.

No deaths have been reported but the outbreak spans 23 states and health authorities warned people not to eat fresh, whole papayas imported from Mexico by Agromed Produce of McAllen, Texas.

"Consumers should not eat recalled papayas, and restaurant and food service operators should not serve them," said the CDC.

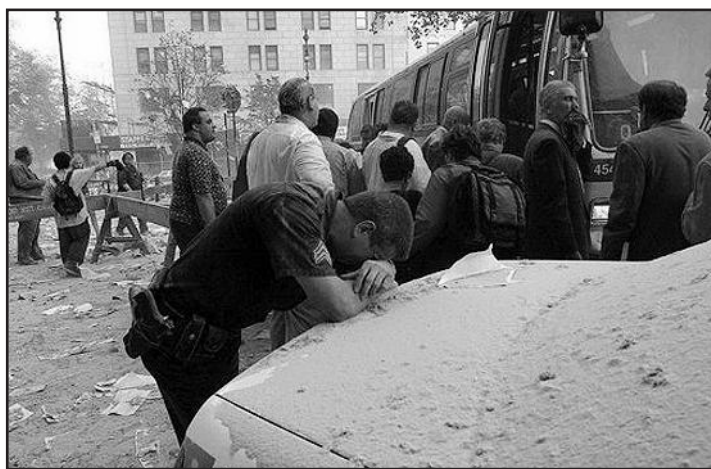
The company issued a voluntary recall on Saturday of all Blondie, Yaya, Mananita, and Tastylicious Brand papayas sold prior to July 23 because they could be contaminated.

The first cases in the salmonella agona outbreak arose in January and have continued to be reported through mid-July, the CDC said. Twenty-five of the about 100 illnesses have been in Texas, the most affected state.

Salmonella poisoning usually causes diarrhea, fever, and stomach pains within 12 to 72 hours of eating, and symptoms can last up to a week.

Most people recover without treatment, but people with weak immune systems, the elderly and the very young could be at risk if the infection spreads to the bloodstream.

No link between 9/11 exposure and cancer: US



An exhausted police officer rests on a car covered in dust near the World Trade Center in New York on 9/11.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US government review of scientific studies has shown no proof that exposure to the dust and rubble from the World Trade Center after the attacks of September 11, 2001 caused cancer.

The review of peer-reviewed medical and scientific literature sparked anger among some firefighters, police and other first responders who said they have seen too many colleagues suffer from

cancer to believe that there was no link.

"Insufficient evidence exists at this time to propose a rule to add cancer, or a certain type of cancer, to the list of WTC-related health conditions," said the review released Tuesday by John Howard, a doctor who heads the US government's World Trade Center Health Program.

Howard said his 93-page review was only preliminary and that more information

would follow in early to mid 2012 to include the latest data.

His findings mean that cancer treatment will not be covered by health care legislation signed this year to help thousands of first responders struggling to pay for medical care due to illnesses they believe are linked to WTC cleanup.

John Feal, a construction worker who was among thousands who helped at the massive rubble pile at Ground Zero and who has since become a leading advocate for those who have fallen ill, contended that there is no doubt about a link.

"As we have seen countless of our brethren fall to a form of this horrible disease time and again following 9/11, we know in our hearts, having breathed in those noxious fumes and having spent hour after hour in that undeniably toxic air, that many forms of cancer are due to our exposure at the site," he said in a statement.

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Cast and Producers of "Claus" enjoy some time off at Sky Lounge



Recently crew members of the musical review "Claus!", enjoyed an evening of relaxation at Sky Lounge, around the pool area of Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach. The charming open-air club pampered the VIP's to a well deserved rest, after days of rehearsals and performances going on till well after midnight at the Cas di Cultura. Photos show the "Stars" having a ball networking and cuddling at Sky Lounge.

5 loyal employees feted at RBTT Bank Aruba N.V.



Recently, RBTT Aruba Bank N.V. recognized 5 long term employees for their many years of service. Rachelle Kelly, Angelino "Gino" Croes and Sr. Pierre Rafini each celebrated their 12 ½ year anniversary with the bank, a special landmark according to local tradition. Edwardita "Lily" Leijenaar is the longest standing with the bank entity at 35 years and Ishel Hieroms, is a close second with 30 years.

Mrs. Kelly started her career at RBTT in 1998 as Accounting Clerk and now occupies the position of CSR-Cash.

Mr. Croes started working in 1998 as General Service Clerk; he served in various departments as Archives Clerk, Statement Clerk Facilities and Clerk Logistic, and as of 2010 occupies the position of Stores Clerk.

Mr. Rafini began with the bank in 1998 as Marketing Officer, afterwards he occupied different positions, among them: Acting Marketing Manager, Junior Account Officer Business Development, Account Manager

Business Development, Account Executive Corporate Banking, Senior Account Executive, Acting Manager Corporate & Commercial Banking, Senior Manager Corporate and Commercial Banking. As of 2010 he holds the position of Managing Director/VP Business Banking.

Mrs. Leijenaar started working as a telephone operator in 1975. She then moved to other functions: Collection/letter of Credit dept., Administration, Transfer Administration Collaborator, Cashier, Assistant Executive

Secretary, Reception Counter Collaborator and CSR-Sales. Since 2010 she works as assistant in the Back-Office

And last but not least, Mrs. Hieroms, who started with RBTT in 1981 as counter collaborator and worked her way up to Cashier and Cash Supervisor, now works in the CSR-Cash Department

Photo shows the jubilee celebrants accompanied by their respective department manager.

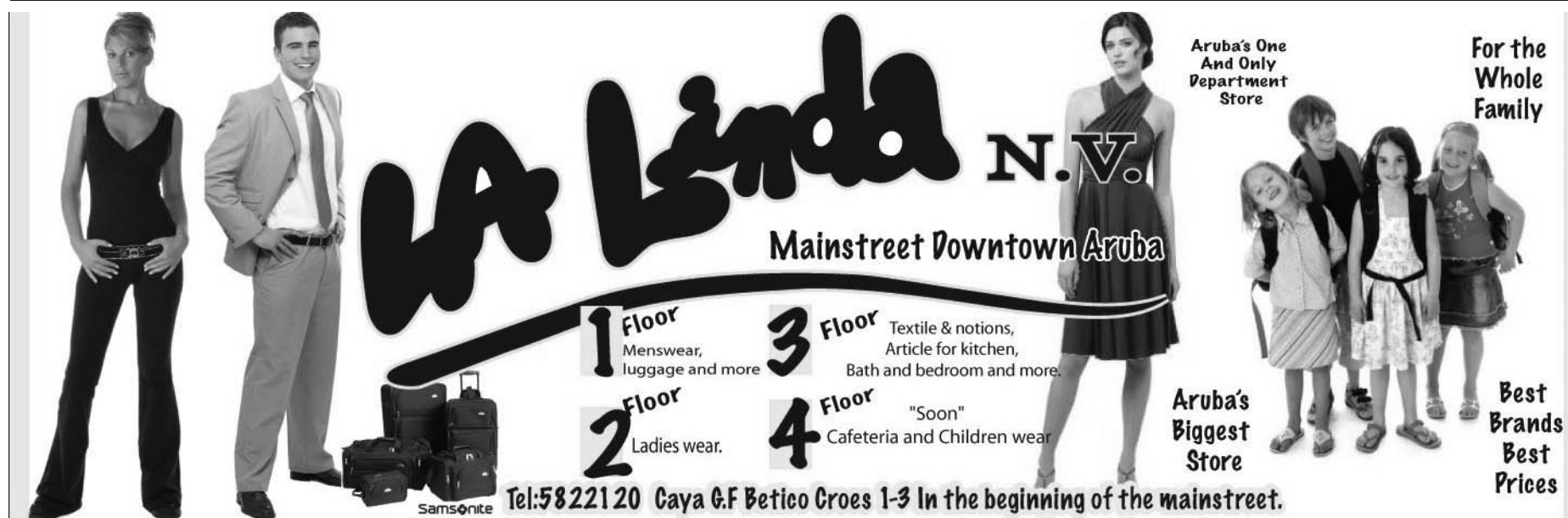
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Beauty on the beach

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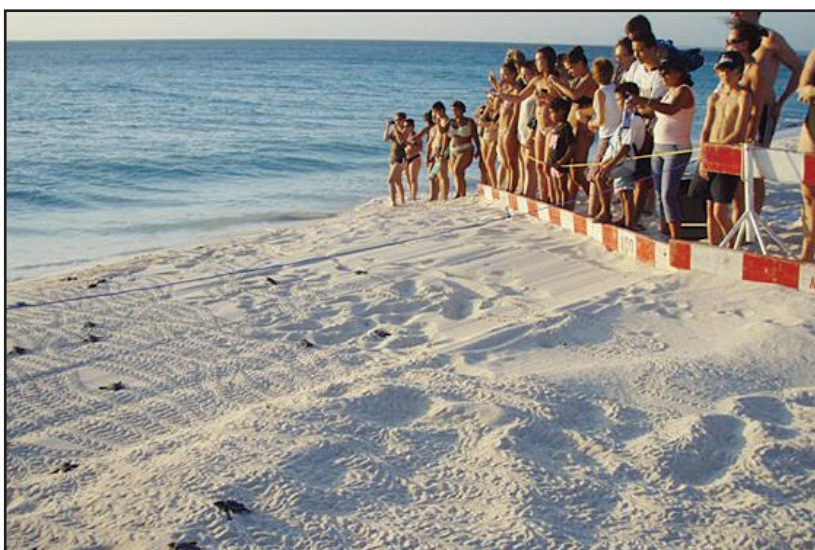
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A lot of pictures were taken Sunday afternoon, light conditions were excellent! If hatching takes place at twilight or after sunset, at night, please do not use any lights and absolutely NO FLASH photography. Hatchlings are disoriented by artificial lights and will not find the sea anymore.

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To report any turtle activity, please call Turtle Hotline 5929393 Info: turtugaruba@hotmail.com



Palm Beach Plaza Mall hosts a Mega Domino Tournament



Starting on Wednesday, 7/27, and six Wednesdays hence after, the food court at the Palm Beach Plaza Mall will be home to a stellar line up of domino teams. Roy Quandus reports that the island's best Domino players will be competing during a six week event for a tremendous trophy sponsored by the Aruba Trading Company and Level 5 Scotch Whiskey. Roy creatively used the mini Level 5 Scotch Whiskey bottles to help draw lots, determining the sequence of teams playing in the tournament.

All Domino Team Captains who met just recently at the food court on the third

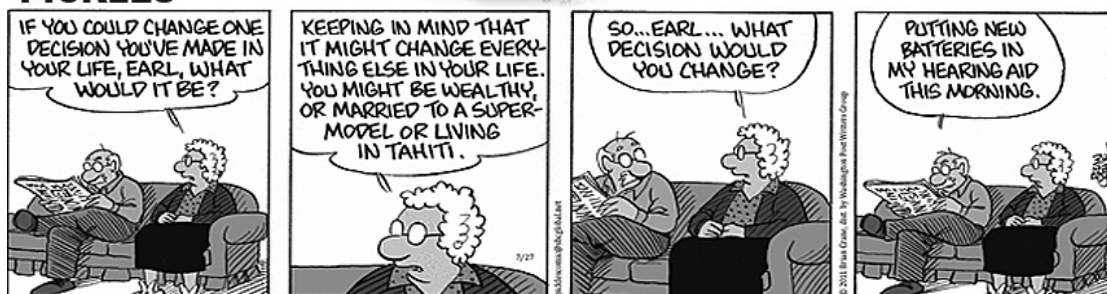
floor of the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, agreed on the rules governing the competition, reports Event Planner Octavio Hodge.

Domino is played with great passion on the island of Aruba, and is considered the national game on many Caribbean islands and Latin American countries.

Every Wednesday for the next 6 weeks, expect to find heated competitions at the food court. The outlets of the food court will be offering attractive specials that day, and spectators and players can have a great time, either playing or watching.

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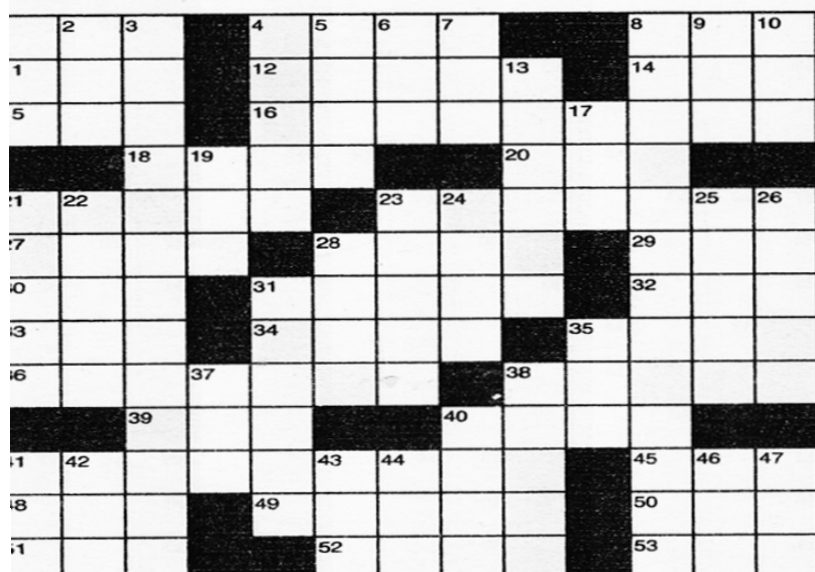
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8. Olin and Norton
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21. Lip covering
23. Condensed books
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28. Frost
29. Three, to Luigi
30. Dine
31. Host Letterman
32. Shade of color
33. Fire residue
34. Tied
35. "You ____ Me"
36. Movie palace
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40. Vaulted doorway
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4. Makes yarn
5. Camera attachment
6. What a bar

- bouncer checks
7. Welcome ____
8. Makes decisions (3 wds.)
9. Summer, in Paris
10. Lass's partner
13. Fell behind
17. Actor ____ Majors
19. Double curve
21. Alexander the ____
22. Dog walker's need
23. Plunger
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25. Elephant feature
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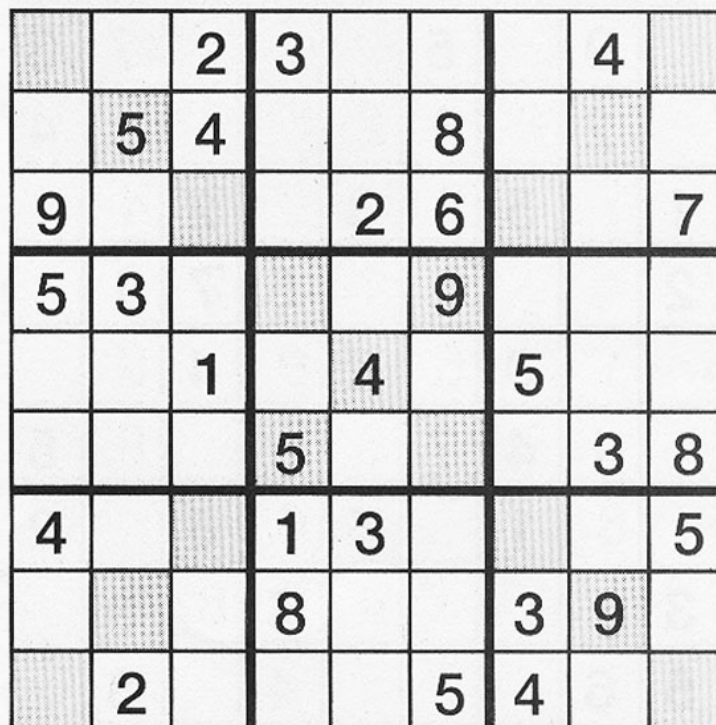
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No sign of break in US debt stalemate

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States lurched Wednesday toward a potentially ruinous default or painful downgrade of its debt rating, with polarized politicians waging a see-saw battle with a deadline six days away.

Worried global markets feared the stalemate's possibly disastrous effects on the world economy, with US stocks dropping for the fourth straight trading session while investors seeking safe haven briefly sent gold to a new record.

The Democratic-led Senate and Republican-held House of Representatives warred over rival plans that both tied spending cuts to an increase of the \$14.3 trillion debt limit but seemed no nearer to bridging a yawning partisan gap.

"If we don't clear this chasm, our nation's economy will go over the edge with us," said Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, warning that "the world economy simply cannot bear this kind of uncertainty any longer."

The US Treasury has warned the world's richest country will run out of cash to pay its bills come August 2, sending shockwaves through the fragile economy, though some analysts saw a days-long reprieve thanks to a rise in tax receipts.

US leaders worried that even a breakthrough deal to

lift the debt limit might not spare the United States from losing its sterling Triple-A debt rating, a downgrade that could raise interest rates across the already ailing US economy.

US stocks and Treasury bond prices fell under the weight of the stalemate, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average off 0.9 percent near midday (1600 GMT) and the tech-heavy Nasdaq down 1.8 percent, despite fairly buoyant company earnings.

Gold surged to \$1,628.05, beating Monday's record, before dropping back slightly to \$1,620.

After steadily falling against the euro since July 18, the dollar regained about 1.4 cents to \$1.4374. It also regained slightly against the Swiss franc, which with gold has been the favored safe-

haven in recent weeks, rising to 0.8029 from 0.8012 late Tuesday.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner raced to save his bill for raising the debt ceiling, aggressively courting and pressuring conservatives who seemed to be swinging behind the plan as a last-ditch solution to the logjam.

And Republican Representative Jim Jordan, who heads the conservative Republican Study Committee, backed off his prediction on Tuesday that Boehner's plan would fail to rally even enough Republicans to pass in the House.

The key players in the debt drama have tentatively agreed to cut spending over 10 years by as much as the debt ceiling is to be raised in a show of will to get cash-strapped Washington's fiscal house in order.

Caracas links OPEC output to Libya conflict



Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Petroleum and President of Venezuelan state-owned oil company PDVSA (Petroleos de Venezuela), Rafael Ramirez

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela said it would oppose any increase in OPEC oil output because of the NATO air campaign against Libya.

Some OPEC members have expressed support for increased production quotas to make up for production lost as a result of the conflict in Libya, a member of the 12-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But Venezuelan Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said there should be no production hikes "above all because we cannot give a blank check to NATO so that it can bomb any nation over oil."

"We are not going to do that; Venezuela will not do that," Ramirez said.

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has sided with Libya's Moamer Kadhafi in the conflict, contending that the true aim of the NATO air campaign is to gain control of Libya's oil.

OPEC's member states, who together account for 40 percent of the world oil supply, decided at a meeting in Vienna June 8 to leave its official output target at 24.84 million barrels a day, where it has stood since January 2009.

"Right now the deciding factor is the economic situation, as well as what is going on in Libya," Ramirez added, noting that "what is happening is extremely serious."

US authorities investigate ING for breaking sanctions

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US authorities are investigating financial services group ING for breaking economic sanctions against Cuba, Iran and Syria, it was reported yesterday.

A source close to the Dutch central bank expects ING to be hit by fines of 'several hundreds of millions of euros'. The bank itself admits the fines could be 'considerable'.

The exact nature of the in-

vestigation remains unknown because the US has not responded to requests for more information, the source says.

British banks Barclays and Lloyds were earlier fined \$298m and \$350m for helping Iranian and Libyan clients get round the trade embargoes. In 2005, ABN Amro was fined \$80m and paid \$500m to avoid prosecution for breaking sanctions against Iran and Libya.

Air France-KLM reports 197 mn euro quarterly loss

PARIS (AFP) - Air France-KLM announced Wednesday a first quarter net loss of 197 million euros (\$283 million) and said the outlook was uncertain for the rest of the year.

In the same period last year, the company had reported a 736 million euro net profit.

Air France said first quarter sales this year rose 8.7 percent to 6.22 billion euros, with passenger numbers up 9.4 percent

on a 10.1 percent increase in capacity.

Cargo activity rose a slight 1.9 percent on a capacity increase of 6.2 percent, the airline said.

The airline said it would reduce a planned increase in capacity for the coming months, given the destabilising effects of the Japanese earthquake, the ongoing eurozone debt crisis and turmoil in Africa and the Middle East.

India mining scam 'cost govt \$3.6 bn'

NEW DELHI (AFP) - An Indian judge investigating corrupt mining practices in a resource-rich southern state said on Wednesday that illegal extraction had cost the government 161 billion rupees (\$3.6 billion).

He accused local politicians in Karnataka, including the state's chief minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, of causing the losses from 2006 to 2010 via the illicit mining of iron ore,

much of which is thought to have been shipped to China.

The mining scam is the latest in a series of scandals to break in India, which is still reeling from the bungled sale of telecom licences in 2008 which is estimated to have cost the country up to \$40 billion.

Karnataka, which accounts for a quarter of the country's iron ore exports, banned shipments in July 2010 to curb illegal mining.

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olga, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese.

Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in the sauce. If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -- in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pancake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

With a complete menu, filled with delicious pancakes, pizzas and more, Linda's pancake and Pizza place is the perfect casual restaurant for all in the family.

For more information contact Linda's at 586-3378.

A must see while on Aruba!

The Aruba Ostrich Farm

Welcome to an activity at Aruba you can't miss! When you think of Aruba, you probably think sea, sun and beach. But Aruba has more to offer than that, there're different sort of activities you can do. A must see when you are at Aruba, is the Aruba Ostrich Farm.

Although Africa is the native land of the ostrich, this intriguing bird finds a perfect home in Aruba's rugged landscape. The Aruba Ostrich Farm welcomes you to come and meet its 80-count flock of the largest living species in the world.

Visitors are encouraged to partake in a guided tour of the farm, inhabited by both ostriches and their flightless Australian relatives, emus. The tour provides the opportunity to learn about the natural behavior and survival instincts of these amazing creatures through detailed information as well as personal encounters with the birds.

Before or after the tour, guests are welcome to peruse the African Art Shop, chock-full of authentic goods from South Africa. Or simply relax in the shade of the sprawling Savanna Lodge Bar & Restaurant and sample a delicious ostrich meat dish. Enjoy the panoramic views of the island's northern coast while sipping on a fruity shake or frosty beer from the bar.

The Aruba Ostrich Farm is dedicated to providing a memorable and unique experience for all guests. It's one



of the things you have to do when you are at Aruba.

The ostrich farm is located along the road leading to the Natural Bridge (Matividiri

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Chicken (skinless)	140	27	3	73
Turkey (skinless)	135	25	3	59
Beef (lean, steak)	240	23	15	77
Pork (lean, loin)	275	24	19	84

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Support grows for planned Winehouse addiction foundation



LONDON (AFP) - The father of Amy Winehouse on Wednesday won support from a lawmaker for his plan to set up a foundation in the late British soul singer's name for people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

Mitch Winehouse revealed plans to establish the foundation on Tuesday at the funeral of his 27-year-old daughter, whose hugely successful music career was often overshadowed by her fight against drink and drug problems.

The Grammy-award winning singer, who shot to stardom with her 2006 album

"Back to Black", was found dead at her north London home on Saturday. A cause of death has yet to be established although it is not being viewed as suspicious.

Her family must wait two to four weeks for the results of toxicology tests.

Opposition Labour Party lawmaker Keith Vaz, who chairs a parliamentary committee that held a 2009 inquiry into drug addiction at which Mitch Winehouse testified, on Wednesday offered his support for the proposed foundation.

"Mitch Winehouse gave powerful evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee during our inquiry into drugs in 2009," said Vaz.

"Drawing on his personal experience, he highlighted the long delay in accessing treatment for those with addiction.

"Two years on we need to revisit this issue to see if anything has improved. I am very happy to help Mitch in any way I can with his important campaign to help rehabilitate those most vulnerable in our society."

Friends and family at-

tended Winehouse's Jewish funeral at Edgwarebury Cemetery in northwest London, where her father delivered a heartbreaking eulogy which ended with the words: "Good-night, my angel."

He told mourners that his daughter had "conquered her drug dependency".

The singer made little secret of her struggle with drugs and alcohol, famously singing about her refusal to seek treatment in her biggest-selling single "Rehab".

But the problems increasingly took over, and she had to scrap a European comeback tour after stumbling through the opening performance in Belgrade on June 18.

With her beehive hairdo and sultry vocals, Winehouse became an international star with "Back to Black", her second and last album, which won her five Grammy awards.

Former Europe minister Vaz has been in the spotlight this month, with his committee role seeing him spearhead the grilling of key figures in Britain's newspaper phone hacking inquiry.

Hugh Hefner's ex-fiancee explains split



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Hugh Hefner's 25-year-old former fiancee took a parting shot at the Playboy founder Tuesday, saying she had never been turned on by him and they only had sex once.

Crystal Harris, who called off the California nuptials with the 85-year-old in June, said she had never seen her former husband-to-be naked.

"I'm not turned on by Hef, sorry," she told "shock jock" Howard Stern, adding that the only time they made love it lasted "like two seconds... Then I was just over it..."

"I was like, 'Ahhh.' I was over it. I just like, walked away," she said, adding: "He doesn't really take off his clothes... I've never seen Hef

naked."

Hefner asked Harris to marry him during a party last Christmas Eve, and a wedding had been planned last month at Hefner's Playboy Mansion, a luxurious Gothic-style mansion in Beverly Hills.

But just days before, he tweeted: "The wedding is off," adding "Crystal has had a change of heart."

At the time Harris did not explain why she dumped Hefner, except to say on her Twitter account that the decision came after "much deep reflection and thought" and that she continues to have the "utmost respect for Hef."

The wedding would have been Hefner's third.

2014 World Cup dates confirmed despite worries

SAO PAULO (AFP) - The 2014 World Cup in Brazil will take place between June 12 and July 13, FIFA announced on Wednesday, insisting that the country will be ready to host the sport's greatest tournament.

"The World Cup in 2014 will start on June 12 and finish on July 13. I know everyone wants to know the city that will host the opening game of the tournament, but that will be decided in October," said FIFA general secretary Jerome Valcke.

Five-time champions Brazil will host the tournament for the second time after 1950, when they lost the final at the Maracana stadium to neighbouring Uruguay.

The last South American hosts were Argentina in 1978. Valcke also confirmed that the Confederations Cup would be held in Brazil between June 15 and June 30, 2013.

The preliminary World Cup draw takes place on Saturday in Rio.

There have been concerns over the progress of construction of the stadiums being used for the competition, but FIFA president Sepp Blatter insisted on Wednesday that the country of 190 million will be ready.

"The reality of facts is that still there is some work to be done," said Blatter. "Brazil and FIFA together will deliver an exceptional World Cup in 2014."

Japan demands a detailed FIFA explanation for bin Hammam ban



bin Hammam

JAPAN--Japan's football chief has demanded a detailed explanation from football's world governing body FIFA on its decision to ban Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Mohamed bin Hammam for corruption.

"There is a need for FIFA to give us the reason for the

life ban," Japan Football Association president Junji Ogura said, according to Japanese newspapers on Wednesday.

Ogura was also quoted as saying: "For the sake of the AFC's sound progress, there is a need to hold a presidential election by holding an extraordinary general assembly because it was a life ban."

The AFC is due to hold an executive board meeting in Kuala Lumpur on Friday.

On Saturday FIFA's ethics committee banned bin Hammam from all football related activity at national or international level after being found guilty of graft during the ruling body's presidential election in June.

The 62-year-old Qatari, who was instrumental in helping Qatar win the rights

to host the 2022 World Cup, had been accused of trying to buy votes with \$40,000 in cash gifts to Caribbean football officials.

Ogura told the newspapers that he had received a letter from bin Hammam which emphasised his innocence.

"I have not done anything wrong. I have no intention to resign as the AFC president and as a FIFA executive," Ogura quoted bin Hammam as saying in the letter.

"I don't think the FIFA decision was right," the Qatari said. "I will ask the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to make a right decision."

The Lausanne-based CAS is the world's highest sporting judicial authority.

Bayern's Robben out of Cup tie

Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Arjen Robben is injured and will miss his club's first fixture of the upcoming season on August 1.

Robben had to be replaced in the 63rd minute of Bayern's friendly game against AC Milan on Tuesday

after suffering a knock to his thigh.

"I hope it's nothing serious," said Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes.

The injury has ruled him out of Monday's first round cup tie.

Bayern will also be with-

out Frack Ribery for the game against Eintracht Brunswick after the France international suffered a left ankle problem in training. Ribery may also be absent for Bayern's first league fixture against Borussia Monchengladbach on August 7.

MLB admits umpire botched 19th-inning call

NEW YORK (AFP) - Umpire Jerry Meals botched a 19-inning call to hand the Atlanta Braves a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates, Major League Baseball executive vice president Joe Torre said Wednesday.

The critical decision came after Tuesday's game, the longest in Pirates' history, had already stretched beyond twice the length of a normal contest.

Pittsburgh catcher Mike McKenry tagged Atlanta base

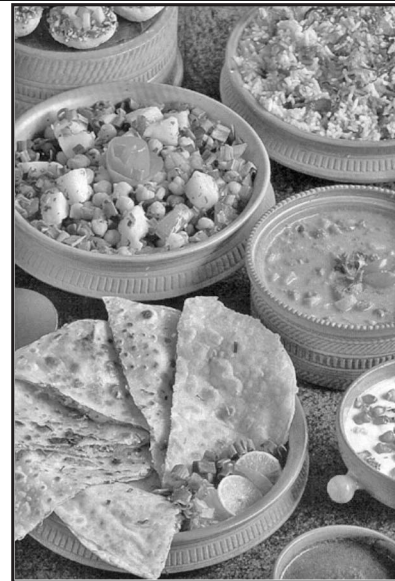
runner Julio Lugo before he reached home plate in the bottom of the 19th, but Meals ruled there was no tag and Lugo was credited with the winning run after six hours and 39 minutes.

The Pirates argued the call and filed a formal complaint over the outcome, even though there is no rule allowing for an umpire's call to be overturned in such a situation, even with video replays clearly showing the tag for the out.

"Unfortunately, it appears that the call was missed, as Jerry Meals acknowledged after the game," Torre said in a statement.

"Many swipe tags are not applied to the runner with solid contact, but the tag was applied and the game should have remained tied."

"I've spoken with Jerry, who is a hard-working, respected umpire, and no one feels worse than him. We know that this is not a product of a lack of effort."



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Boycott and Donald back England to topple India

LONDON (AFP) - Geoffrey Boycott has said India's defeat by England in the first Test at Lord's marked the "beginning of the end" of their time as the world's number one Test team.

England, who won the first Test by 196 runs, will replace India at the top of the ICC's Test Championship table if they win the ongoing four-match series by a margin of at least two Tests.

And former South Africa fast bowler Allan Donald believes Andrew Strauss's side "deserve" to be at the summit of Test cricket.

The second Test starts at Trent Bridge on Friday and Boycott, writing in the London Daily Telegraph, said the tourists' bowling was "not good enough to worry England".

Zaheer Khan, India's strike bowler, broke down early on at Lord's with a hamstring strain and is struggling to be fit for the second Test.

Former England opener Boycott was not surprised, saying: "Zaheer Khan is a quality bowler but even before the series started I never expected him to survive bowling in four Test matches in five weeks."

"His ability has never been in doubt but his fitness has always been a worry," he added.

"The great thing for England is they have two good

back up seamers queuing up to take places.

"Tim Bresnan has done wonders when he has played. He has surprised me and probably deserved to play at Lord's. And then there is Graham Onions who is back bowling for Durham and was a raving success against Australia in England."

"India do not have back up seamers like that and that is where England's advantage lies."

"Now they all have self-belief as well. They have confidence in each other and they also know if they don't perform somebody else will get their place."

Meanwhile Donald, briefly England's bowling coach in 2007, told BBC Radio: "England deserve to be the number one, there's no question about it."

"They are a good side, they're progressing every game."

Asked if their attack was the best in the world, Donald, who has since worked with New Zealand, replied: "There's no question."

"Chris Tremlett, (Stuart) Broad, (James) Anderson and Graeme Swann are fantastic. Then you've got a few more in the bank -- Tim Bresnan still in the wings."

"It's amazing how the guys have grown since 2007. Anderson has led the attack with absolute disdain."

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Santana hurls first no-hitter for Angels after 27 yrs



Starting pitcher Ervin Santana (C) of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim celebrates with his teammates after throwing a no-hitter against the Cleveland Indians at Progressive Field.

CLEVELAND (AFP) - Los Angeles Angels pitcher Ervin Santana pitched the team's first no-hitter in 27 years even though he could not manage a shutout in a 3-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Dominican right-hander struck out 10 batters in the afternoon outing, hurling the third no-hitter of the Major League Baseball season and the first

against the Indians since Jim Abbott of the New York Yankees in 1993.

Santana was previously 0-6 all-time against Cleveland with a 4.98 earned-run average in 10 career starts against the Indians.

"I never get a win against this team," Santana said.

Santana's luck looked bad again early after Cleveland leadoff hitter Ezequiel Carrera reached base on an error

by Angels shortstop Erick Aybar. Carrera stole second base, reached third on a ground out and scored on a wild pitch by Santana.

But after that, the only base runner Santana allowed was when he walked Lonnie Chisenhall in the eighth inning, when Santana struck out three other Indians and started thinking about the no-hit possibilities.

"Lots of guys get to five,

six innings, but that's when things get a little complicated," Santana said.

Santana, who threw five no-hit innings against Baltimore in his prior start, needed only one sharp fielding play in defensive support and Angels second baseman Howie Kendrick made it in the sixth, diving to stop the ball and

throwing out Jason Kipnis from his knees.

It was the first no-hitter for the Angels since Mark Langston went seven innings and Mike Witt threw two to thwart Seattle in 1990. The last Angel with a solo no-hitter was Witt in a 1984 perfect game against Texas.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	63	38	.624	--	PHILADELPHIA	65	37	.637	--
NY YANKEES	61	40	.604	2.0	ATLANTA	60	44	.577	6.0
TAMPA	53	49	.520	10.5	NY METS	52	51	.505	13.5
TORONTO	51	52	.495	13	WASHINGTON	50	53	.485	15.5
BALTIMORE	41	58	.414	21.0	FLORIDA	49	53	.480	16.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	55	48	.534	--	ST. LOUIS	55	48	.534	--
CLEVELAND	52	50	.510	2.5	MILWAUKEE	55	49	.529	0.5
CHICAGO	50	52	.490	4.5	PITTSBURG	53	48	.525	1.0
MINNESOTA	48	55	.466	7.0	CINCINNATI	50	53	.485	5.0
KANSAS	43	60	.417	12.0	CHICAGO	42	61	.408	13.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	59	45	.567	--	SAN FRANCISCO	59	44	.573	--
LA ANGELES	57	48	.543	2.5	ARIZONA	56	47	.544	3.0
OAKLAND	46	57	.447	12.5	COLORADO	48	56	.462	11.5
SEATTLE	43	60	.417	15.5	LA DODGERS	47	56	.456	12.0
					SAN DIEGO	45	59	.433	14.5

2010 aerials medalist Peterson kills self: police

UTAH--Jeret "Speedy" Peterson, who won a silver medal in Freestyle skiing aerials at the 2010 Winter Olympics, has killed himself, Utah police said Tuesday.

The Unified Police of Greater Salt Lake said Peterson called 911 emergency services before shooting himself on Monday evening.

Officers found the body of the 29-year-old about 9:30 pm between Salt Lake City and Park City in the isolated Lambs Canyon.

Peterson had been cited for drunken driving Friday in Hailey, Idaho, where police said they clocked him driving three times the speed limit. He pleaded not guilty.

Peterson was best known for the spectacular and risky

"Hurricane" - a triple-twist, double-flip trick that was breathtaking when he landed it.

However, he battled alcohol addiction and depression even as he pursued his Olympic dream.

He was dismissed from the 2006 Turin Olympics by US Olympic officials after a drunken brawl.

A year earlier he was charged with burglary and stealing weapons and pleaded guilty after felony charges were reduced.

After he won his silver medal in Vancouver, Peterson had said the achievement was "redemption" after years of troubles that had already included two suicide attempts.

When he was five, his sis-

ter was killed by a drunk driver and a few months later, an uncle died of an AIDS-related illness.

He also watched his close friend and roommate commit suicide, shooting himself in the head without saying a word.

"Today is a sad day in our sport," Bill Marolt, the chief executive of the US ski team, said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Jeret 'Speedy' Peterson was a great champion who will be missed and remembered as a positive, innovative force on not only his sport of freestyle aerials, but on the entire US Freestyle Ski Team family and everyone he touched."

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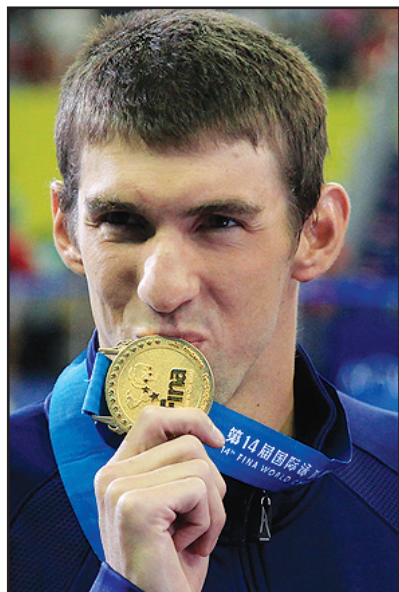
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Phelps snaps Shanghai losing streak



Phelps kisses his 200m butterfly gold medal

SHANGHAI (AFP) - American great Michael Phelps got his world championships back on track Wednesday with a convincing 200m butterfly victory that kept alive his hopes for a second straight five-title haul.

The Olympic champion and world record-holder, who has been in uninspiring form, stormed ahead over the early stages and fought off a late challenge by Japan's Takeshi Matsuda to win by 0.67sec, with China's Wu Peng third.

A relieved Phelps smiled and shook Wu's hand after the win, which seals his fifth 200m butterfly world title and makes up for a disappointing third place in the 4x100m relay and silver in

the 200m freestyle.

"I didn't want to lose that race again. Having a number of defeats this year is extremely frustrating for me and I didn't like the feeling," said Phelps.

"So I kind of wanted to have the feeling of winning a race again. It feels good to win a race."

Phelps arrived in China, scene of his record-breaking eight-title haul at the Beijing Olympics, on the back of a string of losses, and admitted he had neglected training and spent too much time playing golf.

His slump reached a nadir in May, when Wu beat him in the 200m butterfly for the second time in two months -- ending a nine-year unbeaten streak Phelps had hoped to preserve until retirement.

On a busy night for the American, Phelps also qualified second behind Ryan Lochte for Thursday's 200m individual medley final, where he will try to avenge defeat to his team-mate in the 200m freestyle.

Phelps won five titles at the 2009 world championships in Rome, a year after his Beijing success, and now has a career tally of 23.

Also on Wednesday, Italy's Federica Pellegrini claimed her second successive world freestyle double when she surged from fifth at halfway to win the 200m in

1:55.58 from Australia's Kylie Palmer and Camille Muffat of France.

Olympic champion Pellegrini, who successively defended her world 400m crown on Sunday, appeared in trouble at 100m but she closed emphatically to win it by nearly half-a-second.

Meanwhile China's Sun

Yang won the men's 800m freestyle title ahead of Canada's Ryan Cochrane with Gergo Kis of Hungary third, delighting a packed Sea Crown stadium which has now witnessed three gold medals for the hosts.

Sun, 19, who led throughout, was never seriously troubled despite Cochrane's best

efforts and won by a healthy margin of 3.29sec, earning his first world title after finishing second in the 400m freestyle on Sunday.

Brazil's Felipe Franca da Silva won the 50m breaststroke, ahead of Italian Fabio Scozzoli and defending champion Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa, in a time of 27.01sec.

London lauded at one-year Olympic countdown



British Olympic diver Tom Daley dives into a new aquatic centre pool during the one year to go ceremony dedicated to the 2012 London Olympics, in London. The one-year countdown to the 2012 Olympics got under way on Wednesday with officials bullishly predicting London was on course to deliver the best ever games with 12 months to go. A day of festivities to marked the milestone culminated with International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Rogge inviting the world's athletes to the 2012 games at a ceremony in Trafalgar Square. The ceremony also saw Princess Anne unveil the designs for the medals which some 10,500 athletes from 202 countries will compete for at next year's Games.